

# Werner's Weekly Newsletter

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## Teacher Notes:

What a busy and fun week to be in kindergarten! Our field trip was so much fun, and I was so proud of the children for their wonderful behavior! We also celebrated on Friday with a kindergarten hoedown with the retelling and acting out of the story, The Little Old Lady who was not Afraid of Anything.

Horrible Hair Day was lots of fun! We also played some fun Halloween games and made a neat Halloween headband to celebrate Halloween. Have fun and be safe tomorrow night when you are trick or treating!

## Language Arts:

We are moving right along with our cursive letters, and this week we added the letter "h". Please make sure to say the language of instruction when working with your children and the cursive writing. To practice the sound that the letter "h" makes, we wrote a list of "h" words and practiced our phonetic spelling. The children are really catching on to this and the more we can practice our letter recognition and letter sound recognition, then the better writers they will be come. Thanks for your help with this at home! We also had fun acting out a rhyme about five little pumpkins, and everyone had the chance to be one of the pumpkins and "roll" out of sight.

## Math:

To practice counting and writing numbers, we played a game using Halloween shapes and Halloween placemats. Each child took a turn dumping the Halloween shapes out of a cup onto the placemat. Then we would count how many pieces landed *on* the mat and how many pieces landed *off* of the mat. After counting the pieces, we recorded the number on a sheet. Try playing this game at home; you could use anything to dump and then practice counting what is *on/off* the placemat. Have fun! We also played with patterns using Halloween pictures; we are learning about AAB, ABB, and ABC patterns now. We also practiced estimating, counting, measuring, weighing, and the concept of sink/float using a very big pumpkin.

## Other Activities:

In center time, we used Halloween cookie cutters and play dough, made jack o' lanterns with funny faces, and made spider webs with marbles and paint!

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### Upcoming Events:

- November 1 - No School for Students
- November 2 - No School/Parent Conferences
- November 24- Early Dismissal
- November 25 & 26 - No School

## Special Reminders:

- Please send all money in the Ziploc baggie in your child's folder with a note telling us what the money is for.
- Please notify us of any changes to your child's dismissal procedure immediately with a handwritten note or a phone call.
- Please return your child's folder daily!
- You may send in a disposable camera with your child's name for use throughout the year.

## Homework:

Practice the cursive writing with your children. It is important that you say the language of instruction as you work with them to write the letter! It is important to do your homework with your child and that he/she practices writing the letters the correct way.

*"You only have to  
read on the days  
you eat!"*

## Next Week:

We will continue learning about the letter "h". Enjoy your 4-day break!

\*Please contact me with any  
questions and concerns:  
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